



Northport Historical Society Newsletter

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Fire Hose House

Plans were made in the early spring to have a quilt raffle to help raise money for the work on the House. We were hoping to have stage three complete by July of 2011. But work progressed faster than we hoped and by September stage two was complete.



We felt we were ready for stage three, although our bank account was low. An interest free loan of \$4000.00 was offered if we could complete the work before the cold weather arrived. Our contractor, Eric Johnston agreed to donate 2 days of his time to rebuild the doors. The total cost of the building was \$17,115.00. Mainly because of Eric's help we came in at \$4000 under budget and finished stage three earlier than planned.



Finances

Raffle ticket sales, donations and a auction totaled \$13,421.00. What we made in raffle ticket sales was matched by the Canadian Firemen Club. Margie Bleeker, who donated the quilt, came to do the drawing in person and the quilt was won by Barbara Anderson at the Labor Day Bar-B-Q in the Northport park

New Raffle

A new raffle is in the planning stage and will start in January 2011 with the goal for repaying the \$4000.00 interest free loan.

The winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$2.00 each and may be ordered by mail. Send check or money order to Northport Historical Society, PO Box 93 Northport, Washington 99157. Our web address is

<http://northporths.homestead.com>

For tickets you can contact:

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Auction

We held our first auction this year as a fund raiser. If you didn't attend you missed a great chance to pick up some great buys. We sold everything from knick-knacks to lawn mowers. Our reward was raising another \$2600 toward fixing the fire hose house. Bidding took place in the grange hall in Northport and if you weren't into bidding and buying, you could come for the free coffee and cookies. It turned out to be a nice way to spend a few hours with neighbors and friends and help a local cause at the same time.

Wish List

Of course our wish list must begin with paying back our loan and finishing the fire hose house. But that doesn't mean we can't dream dreams.

Obviously "can't" isn't in our dictionary, but rather "how?"



We would like the museum to occupy the whole building again someday and the funds to do the necessary repairs. We are exploring opportunities for that to happen, but in the meantime we are grateful for all that you have made possible this year.

We send you seasons greeting this holiday season.

